



Boat Incident Investigation and Reconstruction Level II Advanced Course

Course Overview

The National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) has been at the forefront of developing, enhancing and delivering boating incident investigation courses for more than two decades. NASBLA's Boat Operations and Training (BOAT) Program was established as a National Standard of training, qualification, credentialing and typing of maritime law enforcement and public safety officers throughout the country.

As part of the BOAT Program, this Advanced Course gives law enforcement officers the opportunity to enhance and sharpen their skills in incident investigation. The course also provide critical data to help shape boating safety regulations across the country.

The Advanced Course features a 36 hours of instruction, centered on incident reconstruction, utilizing a variety of 2-boat collisions on-site for hands-on examination by the students. A minimum of 16 hours are spent during the course investigating the diverse incident scenarios. At the end of the course, students will present their findings to the class, followed by videos of the actual staged collisions to confirm their conclusions.



The course will normally begin on Monday morning at 8 AM. The class will conclude no later than 5 PM each day, and the week of training will be completed no later than 12 noon on Friday. (It is recommended that any students traveling by plane schedule their departing flight no sooner than 3 PM on Friday.)

Method of Delivery

The Advanced course is available at the Pat Thomas Law Enforcement Academy (PTLEA), which is housed within the Florida Public Safety Institute. This academy is located near Havana, Florida and on the outskirts of Tallahassee, Florida. The course is delivered using team teaching so that students get multiple views and experiences to support and enhance the learning environment.

Criteria Performance Standard

Upon successful completion of the course, the student will demonstrate understanding of all aspects of boat incident investigation and reconstruction. A compilation of performance measures will be used, including scenario review, class discussion, practical activities, objective testing and investigative presentations.

Target Audience

The class is restricted to marine law enforcement officers, as well as officials from federal, state, county, local and tribal agencies who have successfully completed the NASBLA Level I – Comprehensive Boat Incident Investigation course.



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Course Structure

The course consists of instructor lecture, aided by PowerPoint presentations, class interaction, practical exercises, crashed vessel examinations, student presentations and written examinations. The instructors will emphasize the importance of class interaction to ensure that all students understand the real-world implications of the body of knowledge.

Class Size/Student to Instructor Ratio

Class size is a maximum of 45 students with three instructors. Student to instructor ratio will not exceed 15 to 1.

Course Requirements

Previous attendance and successful completion of a NASBLA Boating Incident Investigation Comprehensive Course is required before a student is eligible to attend this Advanced Course. Students are advised that dress is business casual, unless otherwise directed by their agency. We will be performing boat examinations outside within a sheltered area; however, students are advised to be prepared for foul weather. All boats will be available on-site; there will be no on-water time or presentations. NASBLA will provide students with incident drawing templates, but students may bring their own if they so desire. A laptop computer is highly encouraged for student presentations, but not required.



Materials Provided

Each student will take home a student manual, a thumb drive with reference material and a copy of the Boat Incident Investigator Field Guide. After completion of the course, students will receive a Certificate from NASBLA, and be entered into the National Database of Incident Investigators.

Course Cost

This course is offered tuition free, as part of a Coast Guard funded grant program once in the fall of each year. All course materials (student manuals, templates, Field Guides) are also provided without charge. Student travel, lodging, and meals are not provided.

Tuition based courses can be delivered upon request at a cost of \$1500 per student, with a minimum amount of students required to hold the class. Tuition based courses will be quoted on a case-by-case basis.

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